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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to add section headings so as to put the application in better U.S. form. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claim 1 is respectfully acknowledged.

The claims have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 2, instead of from claim 1. Thus, amended claim 6 is not a substantial duplicate of claim 3.

Claim 8 has been canceled. Accordingly, the objection to claim 8 and the rejection of claim 8 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are now moot.

The corrections to claims 2 and 4 suggested by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action have been made. Accordingly, it

is respectfully requested that the objections to claims 2 and 4 set forth on page 3 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

Claims 5, 7, and 9 have been amended at lines 1-2 to refer to "~~resultant~~ a practically processed pretension condition condition (F_p) falling outside the limits of said deviation range." This phrase refers to "a practically processed pretension condition (F_p) falling outside the limits of said deviation range" (emphasis added), and therefore the use of "said" suggested by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action is not necessary. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections to claims 5, 7, and 9 set forth on page 3 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims all fully comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In particular, it is respectfully pointed out that claim 2 provides antecedent basis for "limits of said deviation range" (line 7 of claim 2) recited in claims 4, 5, 7, and 9. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 4 (which depends from claim 2) instead of from claim 1, to provide antecedent basis for "the limits of said deviation range" recited in claim 5. In addition, in claims 3 and 6, the recitations of "the parameter values" at lines 7-8 of claim 3 and line 8 of claim 6 have antecedent basis at, for example, line 4 of claim 3 and line 4 of claim 6.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2-9 are in condition for allowance, along with their allowed parent claim 1.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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